



THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE PRESIDENT
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PRECAUTIONARY NOTICE

Re: San Juan River

**MINE WASTE HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM THE GOLD KING MINE (Colorado)
AND IS EXPECTED TO ENTER THE SAN JUAN RIVER**

**AS OF THE MORNING OF AUGUST 7, 2015 DRINKING WATER IS UNAFFECTED
FOR THE COMMUNITIES OF NENAHNEZAD, SAN JUAN, UPPER FRUITLAND,
HOGBACK, SHIPROCK, CUDEII AND BECLABITO.**

**SURFACE WATER SAMPLES ALONG THE RIVER ARE BEING COLLECTED.
UPDATES WILL BE PROVIDED ON AN ONGOING BASIS.**

**AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE THE PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE THE FOLLOWING
STEPS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:**

- PREVENT LIVESTOCK FROM DRINKING FROM THE SAN JUAN RIVER
- AVOID DIVERTING WATER FROM THE SAN JUAN RIVER
- DO NOT ENTER THE RIVER

**CONTACT NAVAJO NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AT
(505) 368-1037 OR (928) 871-7891
FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING PUBLIC HEALTH, USEPA CAN BE CONTACTED AT
303-312-7013**

Russell Begaye, President of the Navajo Nation

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